

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

July 8, 2008

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 3252

Honorable Members
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 3252, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Teachers."

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate out of the general fund \$300,000 to the Department of Education to assist teachers with preparatory courses, tutorials, or programs for PRAXIS examinations and to establish four professional development schools in Department of Education public schools.

This bill is objectionable because the Department of Education currently receives State and federal funding to support teacher recruitment, retention, and to meet the highly qualified teacher requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. According to the most recently available fiscal reports, the Department receives about \$30.1 million in federal funds for teacher quality development under No Child Left Behind.

The College of Education at the University of Hawaii is responsible for graduating students who are fully qualified to

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teach in our school system.

Additionally, money in this measure falls outside of the budget act and is not within the State's six-year balanced budget plan.

For the foregoing reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 3252 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Lingle', written over the printed name.

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii